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PLAY-MAKING being thus grown so easy and vulgar an Undertaking, even *Players* themselves set up the Trade, and, not content with a due Preference of their own Pieces, both as to Seasons and all other Advantages of Representation, would have monopoliz'd the Whole to themselves: As fancying the Right, as well as Power, was secur'd to them from Generation to Generation.——But here the Publick had the Obstinacy to oppose them, and, in Spite of all their confident Pretensions, would not allow above one of their whole Catalogue to deserve their Approbation, tho' almost all the *old Writers* had been plunder'd to catch up the rest.——One great Name, indeed, was upon all Occasions made their Authority, but they had more Wit than to make him their Example, and some of his Plays they were judicious enough to reduce to the Level of their own, that common Readers might believe there was no Difference in their Merits.

As to their own Science, they had the Address to find out a nearer Way of succeeding in it, than any of their Predecessors: For, whereas they were at infinite Pains to study History, Statuary, Painting, Oratory, Good-Manners, and above all human Nature in all its Humours and Passions: To sift the Characters they were to represent to the Bottom, examine the Author's Sense most critically, and endeavour to inforce it in the Delivery, with all the Strength and Grace imaginable.——Nay to enter into the very Genius of the Plot, or Tale itself, observe the Scope and Drift of every Scene, and what Share of the whole Action was to be supported by them: Whereas, I say these, and many more imaginary Requisites, were their daily Study and Practice; these waited only for the Deaths of those great Masters, and declar'd themselves Heirs, both to their Parts and Talents at once: To possess an undaunted Assurance, a notable Quantity of Songs, and the Knack of straining their Voices, till they were even worse than Nature at first design'd them, were esteem'd the Essentials of good Playing; and you should see a Hero, or a Queen; a Nobleman, or fine Lady break as abruptly upon an Audience, and speak, act, and behave thro' a whole Play, as if the best Company in a Kingdom were beneath their Notice or Regard.

This admirable Ease and Address was owing to a Maxim common in every Body's Mouth behind the Scenes, *viz.* That the Town had neither Taste nor Judgment, and they, the Players, were the only true Criticks of the Age.——If they lik'd their Performance, they had a lucid Interval, if not, they were fit for nothing but *Bedlam*, or the *Bear-Garden*.——So accomplish'd were they grown within an Age and a half, and so much above the Statute of Vagrancy, and the Beadle.—As to *Authors*, they boldly overlook'd and despis'd them, laugh'd at their Performances, disdain'd their Instructions, and when they did them the Honour of accepting their Works, affected to do it more out of Charity to them, than any Interest to themselves.

Yet farther: *Patriotism* being the reigning Mode of the Times, they resolv'd to form themselves into a free Commonwealth, and ingross all the Profits of their Profession, or be bury'd under its Ruins.—— Accordingly, they play'd the Politicians, over-reach'd their Principals in the Scene of Action, and then set their Authority at Defiance.——At the same Time throwing themselves upon the Mercy of the Town, and begging Encouragement with Tears in their Eyes.——The Stratagem took Effect long enough to distress their Masters into their Measures, and afterwards saddle them with all the Difficulties, which were just ready to fall upon themselves.

This Victory made them Gentlemen at once, and 'tis not to be imagin'd with what Taste and Elegance they enjoy'd it.——They were now Masters of a handsome annual Certainty, beside the Interest of their Tradesmen and Friends; on the Strength of all which they dress in Velvet and Laces; kept Horses, Mistresses, Town and Country Lodgings, and were seen daily parading through the Streets, on Parties of Pleasure, as they had shook Hands with Want and Dependence for Life.——

As much Address as they had in gaining in this great Point, they had to the full as much Spirit in making Use of the Advantage.——Far from thinking themselves at all oblig'd to their Directors, or submitting one Jot the more to their Authority, they had the Courage to thwart and oppose their Measures in all Things, refuse their Orders, laugh at their Conduct, and agree to nothing, but what was hinted or acted by themselves.——Nay they had the Honesty and Discretion to abet Malecontents every where, haranguing for the Freedom of the Stage, and the Multiplication of Theatres: In hope by that Means to weary their Principals out of their Power, and have that again for nothing, which they parted with at so great an Advantage.——

'Twas in vain, they were told that these Feuds and Cabals, as well as the Maxims they were founded on were prejudicial to the Profession in general: If there was any Prospect of their own private Benefit, they gave themselves no Concern, and were Philosophers enough to enjoy the present Day, and defy the future.——In like Manner empty Houses, continual Losses, and a general Disesteem for all dramatical Representations, gave them no Alarm.——They had Land-Security for their Stipends, and if the whole World was to be drown'd again, but that one Spot, they would only congratulate themselves on their own Escape.

But, not to dwell too long on the Refinements on this Side of the Curtain, we have almost as much Room to compliment the Audience, as the Actors; when Persons of Figure condescended to honour any home-spun Piece of their own Growth, with their Presence; 'twas either out of a Frolick, or by Constraint to oblige Some-body else; so much improv'd were their Tastes, and so thoroughly sensible were they of the Preference of Musick and Buffoonery, to Poetry and Sense. Nay, when they came thither, their Presence of Mind was so exceedingly remarkable, that their Actions were as perfectly disingag'd as if they were at home.——They bow'd, they ogled, they laugh'd, talk'd, and sung aloud; as regardless of disturbing any Body, as of being entertain'd themselves.

Neither was the Conduct of the Pit less heroick, tho' in a different Taste than theirs.——They took their Seats as Judges, and presided in that Capacity without Appeal.—Neither could any one legally call in Question their Right, or their Abilities; for generally they were a true Representative of the People, and so us'd to give Sentence, that the meaneſt, among them, could determine the Fate of a Play in the Middle of the third Act; and distinguish the Merit of the Plot before the Catastrophe; decide the Truth and Honour of Characters as soon as they appear'd, and be more positive in their Opinions, at first Sight, than the poor purblind Author found himself, when he had even the Sanction of the Players to his Performance.——Nay some of them had the Gift of Foresight, and could tell before the Prologue, whether they would be pleas'd or no: Some there were, indeed, malicious enough to call this Prejudice, and that the Persons of the Authors were judg'd rather than their Works: Others thought it Inhumanity to assail a Piece with so little Decorum and Mercy, which was intended for their Entertainment.——But neither these, or many more Objections drawn from the common Topicks of Decency, Order, Politeness, and Good-Manners, had any Effect on these incorruptible Judges.——Like the elder *Brutus*, they sat aside all tender Considerations, and chose rather to be seen and heard themselves, than be pleas'd and instructed with any other Man's Labour whatever.

The WISH.

BArely we deem those mod'rate, who of Heav'n implore
Enough; and humbly ask no more.
But what is that, which these *enough* do call?
If both the *Indies* unto some should fall;
Such Wealth would but *enough* yet only be,
And what they'd term not Want, or Luxury.
Among the Suits, Oh *Jove!* my humbler take,
A little give, I that *enough* will make.

On Death. *By a Lady.*

TELL me, thou safest End of all our Woe!
Why wretched Mortals should avoid thee so?
Thou gentle Drier of the Mourner's Tears!
Thou noble Ender of the Coward's Fears!
Thou sweet Repose to Love's forlorn Despair!
Thou calm Ambition's threat'ning Gulph of Care!
If in Regard of *Man's* first Paradise,
We curse thy Dart for ending the frail Bliss,
Yet now, thou'rt not an Evil, but Relief,
The Balm and Cure to ev'ry human Grief!
Thro' thee, what we had forfeited before,
We still enjoy, nor e'er can lose it more:
— Since then from thee such mighty Blessings flow;
Such real Good, as Life can never know;
Come when thou wilt, in thy most dreadful Dress,
Thy Frowns shall never make thy Welcome less:
Fly thee? May Travellers then fly their Rest!
And hungry Infants loath the proffer'd Breast!
No; those that faint and tremble at thy Name,
Fly from their Good on a mistaken Fame;
Thus groundless Tears did *Israel's* Sons of old,
From Plenty, and the promis'd Land with-hold;
They fancy'd Giants, and refus'd to go
Where *Canaan* did with Milk and Honey flow.

SATURDAY, *August* 9.

LAST Thursday being the first Thursday in *August*, according to antient Custom, a Silver Arrow, Value 3 *l.* was shot for at the Butts at *Harrow on the Hill*, by eight Youths dress'd in Archery Habits, of the School founded there by *John Lyon*, Esq; in the Year 1577, and was won by Mr. *Gordon*. There were many thousand Spectators.

Sir *Hans Sloane*, Bart. President of the College of Physicians, and one of the Governors of the Hospital at *Hyde-Park-Corner*, has made a Present of a Piece of Ground at *Knightbridge* to the said Hospital.

Marriage. On Thursday —— *Tracy*, Esq; a Gentleman of 3000 *l.* a Year in *Gloucester*, was married to Miss *Hudson*, eldest Daughter of Sir *Roger Hudson*, a young Lady of 16,000 *l.* Fortune.

Death. Yesterday Se'nnight died, in the 13th Year of her Age, the Lady *Harriot Fitz-Roy*, second Daughter of his Grace the Duke of *Grafton*, by his late Dutchess, Aunt to the present Duke of *Beaufort*.

MONDAY, *August* 11.

On Thursday Night was interr'd in *Covent-Garden Church-Yard* from *Bow-street*, the head Cook of the *Rose* Tavern, the Pall being supported by six Cooks dress'd in white Waistcoats, white Napkin-Caps, with white Favours, white Stockings and white Gloves, green Aprons, with white ones tuck'd up half way; the Novelty of which decent Appearance drew together a vast Crowd of Spectators.

On Thursday the Assizes ended at *Hereford*, when *Richard Pugh*, alias *Hordley*, receiv'd Sentence of Death, for breaking open a House

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in the Day-time, and ſtealing thence 60*l.* one Man was burnt in the Hand, and another order'd to be tranſported. *Littleton Oſman*, the Warrener, who was indicted for the Murder of *William Batts*, was found guilty of Manſlaughter; one Man was order'd to be whipt, and three Women acquitted.

At the late Aſſizes for the County of *Suſſex*, a Man was indicted for being concern'd in a Murder with two other Perſons not yet taken, and a Boy was admitted Evidence againſt him; but the Fellow, when he came upon his Trial, pretended to be dumb, tho' ſeveral Perſons ſwore they had heard him ſpeak, and accordingly refus'd to plead, ſo that he was order'd to be preſs'd to Death.

On Saturday the Aſſizes ended at *Kingston* for the County of *Surrey*, when the four following Malefactors receiv'd Sentence of Death, *viz. Henry Sellon*, for robbing Mr. *Collins* on the Highway of about 7*s.* *Thomas Gray*, alias *Macray*, who was tried the laſt Seſſions at the *Old Bailey* for robbing Dr. *Lancaſter*, for robbing Mr. *Hamerton* of a Silver Watch, Value 5. and 13*s.* in Money, on *Barnes-Common*; *Joſeph Emerſon* and *John James*, alias *Black Jack* (on the Oath of *Samuel Smith*, their Accomplice) for entering the Houſe of *Jaſper Hale* of *Peckham*, Eſq; and wounding the ſaid Gentleman and his Servant-Maid. The two laſt are to be hang'd in Chains. Twelve were order'd for Tranſportation, and ſeven acquitted. *Butler Buckley*, the Boy who was Evidence againſt *Sweet* and *Wilkinſon*, executed for robbing *Kingston* Church, and alſo againſt his Father and Uncle at the *Old Bailey*, of which they were acquitted, was order'd to be tranſported.

On Friday Morning laſt, about One o'Clock, *George Williams*, a Lad of about 17 Years of Age, a Trouncer, at Mr. *Robert Fydall*'s Brewhouſe in *Liquor-Pond-ſtreet*, near *Leather-Lane*, fell into a large Tub of boiling Liquor, which ſcalded him in a miſerable Manner. About Six the ſame Morning he was carried to St. *Andrew*'s Workhouſe in *Little Gray's-Inn-Lane*. As ſoon as they began to pull off his Cloaths he fell into Convulſion Fits, and died immediately.

By Letters newly arriv'd from *Antigua* we have an Account, that they have had a great deal of Rain there this laſt Seaſon, which had occaſion'd a plentiful Crop of Sugar, and very good.

On Friday Night laſt, about Eight o'Clock, the Lady of *Samuel Child*, Brother to Sir *Francis Child*, Knt. Alderman of *London*, was eaſily deliver'd of a Son and Heir.

Death. On Saturday died, at his Houſe in *Birchin-Lane*, Mr. *Thomas Hopkins*, an eminent Money-Scrivener, reputed worth 20,000*l.*

Bankrupts. Thomas Omer, of the Pariſh of *Walcot*, *Somerſet*, Carpenter.——*John Burch*, late of *Queen-Square*, in the Pariſh of *Walcot*, *Somerſet*, Carpenter.——*Thomas Pilfold*, of the *Cliff*, near *Lewes*, *Suſſex*, Mercer.——*Edward Jones*, of *Fleet-ſtreet*, *London*, Mercer.

TUESDAY, *Auguſt* 12.

His Majeſty continues in good Health, and takes the Diverſion of walking in his Gardens whenever the great Affairs of the Publick permit him to be abſent from his Cloſet. He dines uſually at Two, with a ſelect Number of the Lords and Ladies of his Court, and ſits at Table till Three. In the Evening he ſees a Comedy, repreſented in a Theatre cut out in the Gardens, the Seats of which are a fine Turf, the Partitions made of Trees and Greens, with Dreſſing-Rooms for the Actors on each Side, conſiſting of Arbors and Summer-Houſes: And as ſoon as the Play is ended, his Majeſty goes to Supper, to which eleven different Ladies are invited.

By an Expreſs which arriv'd laſt Saturday from *Hanover*, we learn, that his Majeſty's Departure from that Electorate, on his Return to *Great Britain*, is fix'd for the ſecond of *October*, N. S.

They write from *Briſtol*, that Capt. *Newth*, now in *Newgate* there for murdering his Wife, was diſcover'd laſt Week to have conceal'd a falſe Key of the condemn'd Room, and a broken File, by the Help of which he intended to make his Eſcape the firſt Opportunity; but ſeeing his Deſign was prevented, the Night following he took a large Doſe of Opium, which having too ſtrong an Effect to continue in the Stomach, great Part of it was diſcharg'd, tho' the Remainder took away the Uſe of his Limbs for ſeveral Days, and he continues in a weak Condition.

The Cheeſe-Factor and his Brother, who ſtood in the Pillory on Saturday laſt (being convicted at *Warwick* Aſſizes the Tueſday before) had ſo enrag'd the Country, by hiring twenty Fellows to defend them, that they were almoſt pelted to Death.——Beſides the Fine of 50*l.* each, there was given againſt them the Sum of 20*l.* to defray the Expences of the County, and be oblig'd to give 300*l.* Bail for their good Behaviour for three Years to come.

Yeſterday Morning early a Woman was ſtopp'd in *Whitechapel* by two of her own Sex, one of which held a Penknife to her Breaſt, and demanded her Money, and forcibly took from her about Two Shillings and Six-pence; but two Men coming up, ſecur'd the two Ladies, and carried them before a Magiſtrate, who committed them both to *Newgate*.

On Saturday laſt a Woman enquiring her Way from *Twickenham* to *Richmond*, a Gardener offer'd to ſhew her, telling her he was going there: After walking ſome Part of the Way, he got behind her and knock'd her down, then robb'd her of her Pocket, in which was a Gold Ring and five Shillings.

The Beginning of laſt Week the Mate of an *Iriſh* Coaſter at *Briſtol* Key, having ſome Words with a labouring Man, he fetch'd from his Ship two Cutlaſſes, and no ſooner had he deliver'd one to his Antagoniſt, but he diſabled him by a large Wound in the Arm, and afterwards cut the poor Man in ſuch a barbarous Manner over the Head, that his Life is in Danger. The Mate is committed to *Bridewell*.

Laſt Wedneſday a Soldier attempted to hang himſelf on a Tree near the City of *Canterbury*, but was cut down by ſome Gentlemen going that Way, who, with the Rope, ty'd him Neck and Heels, in which Poſture he lay near four Hours.

On Saturday laſt ſome Sharpers went to Mr. *Holmes*'s, at the *Green Man* at *Barnet*, and call'd for a cool Tankard; after ſtaying ſome Time found Means to carry off a Three Pint Silver Cup, a Spoon, and a Strainer. This ſeems to be a great Branch of their Buſineſs at preſent; Things of the like Nature having been practis'd at many Places.

Northampton, *Auguſt* 9. Yeſterday Mrs. *Fawſon*, purſuant to her Sentence at the laſt Aſſizes, was drawn on a Sledge to the Place of Execution, and burnt to Aſhes, for the Murder of her Husband by Poiſon. Her Behaviour in Priſon was with the utmoſt Signs of Contrition, ſhe having declin'd, as much as poſſible all Manner of Converſation, except with thoſe worthy Divines, who by Inclination, as well as her own Deſire, very conſtantly attended her; nor would ſhe, to gratify the Curioſity of ſuch who deſire to ſee notorious Offenders, be unveil'd to any. She confeſs'd the Juſtice of her Sentence, and expreſs'd an uncommon Aſſurance of the Mercies of God, and died with great Compoſure of Mind.

Laſt Friday Night the Milinary Side of Mr. *Creake*'s Shop in *Ave-Mary-Lane*, was broke open, by cutting out Part of the Pannel of the Shutter, and ſhattering to Pieces a Saſh Pane of Glaſs, which muſt make ſome conſiderable Noiſe; a certain Sign that neither Houſe-breakers or Street-Robbers are under any Dread of our preſent Set of Watchmen, when ſuch bold Things are attempted under their very Noſes. The Rogues took a Bandbox, with Handkerchiefs, *&c.* and a Policy of Inſurance, which were the only Things that lay within the Reach of their Arms, and made off undiſcover'd.

Preferment. On Wedneſday laſt *Michael Foſter*, Eſq; was choſen Recorder of *Briſtol*, a Place worth 300*l.* *per Annum.*

Death. Laſt Week died in *Scotland* the Lady *Helen Frazer*, Daughter of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Balcarras*.

WEDNESDAY, *Auguſt* 13.

Mr. *Joſhua Ward* hath brought his Action in the Court of *Common-Pleas*, and laid his Damage at 2000*l.* againſt a noted Apothecary in *High Holborn*, upon a Belief that the ſaid Apothecary is the Author of certain Letters publiſhed ſome Time ago in the *Grubſtreet Journal*, tending to prejudice the Publick againſt Mr. *Ward*'s Pill and Drop.

Some Letters mention, that the *Moors* have put to Sea with a Ship of ſixteen Guns and a Brigantine from *Sallee*, and five Row Boats from *Tangier*; and that they have taken the *Rachel* of *Briſtol*, and given Chace to ſeveral other *Engliſh* Ships.

Yeſterday about Seven in the Evening, a Servant going into his Maſter's Wine-Vault near the New Play-houſe in *Covent-Garden*, and laying a Candle near ſome Straw, the ſame took Fire, and burnt for ſome Time with the utmoſt Violence; but by the Aſſiſtance of ſeveral Engines, and a good Supply of Water, it was extinguiſh'd in about an Hour. The Damage occaſion'd by it is ſaid to amount to one hundred Pounds.

On Monday Night laſt, about Nine o'Clock, the Coroner's Inqueſt, who ſat on the Body of Enſign *Andrews*, who was killed in a Duel in *Hyde-Park* by Mr. *Lee*, brought in their Verdict, *Manſlaughter*; Mr. *Lee*, tho' he made his Eſcape from the Conſtable, will ſurrender himſelf to Juſtice againſt the next Seſſions, and take his Trial at the *Old Bailey*.

The *Portugueze* Envoy has contracted with Mr. *William Poole*, a noted Sadler in *Biſhopſgate-ſtreet*, for 1000 Ammunition Saddles, *&c.* which he is obliged to deliver at a certain Time.

His *Portugueze* Majeſty is reſolv'd to buy all the Neceſſaries he wants in the preſent Situation of Affairs, of the People of *England*, in Return for the Care his *Britannick* Majeſty has taken of his Intereſt.

When *Macray* was tried laſt Friday at *Kingston*, he had about 14 well-dreſt Perſons to appear for him, ſome of whom ſwore he was ſick in Bed the whole Week in which the Fact was committed; but finding the Trial go againſt him, they all diſappear'd, ſo that there was not one of them to be ſeen, when they were call'd to be re-examin'd.

Chelmsford, *Auguſt* 9. Thurſday laſt *Margaret Onion* was burn'd at a Stake erected near our Gallows, for poiſoning her Husband: She was a poor ignorant illiterate Creature, and confeſs'd the Fact.

Yeſterday *Herbert Haines*, the Barber, one of *Gregory*'s Gang, and *John Waller* the Horſeſtealer, in Company with *Edward Ellis* and *Peter Iſham*, convicted of Felony and Burglary, walk'd in their Shrowds from the Gaol at the Bridge to the Gallows; at the *Black Boy*, a Man in a Laced Hat gave *Haines* a Glaſs of

Wine, as he walk'd by, and *Haines* desir'd him *to take Care of what he told him*, and whisper'd him; then the Gentleman in the Lac'd Hat drank to him, and told him, he hoped he would be happy before Night, which occasion'd in the Town an ill Suspicion of that Man. *Haines* has behaved very well ever since he has been in our Gaol, in a sedate grave Manner, never once being heard to swear, and went calmly to the Gallows, and behav'd there like a Man, decent, but not impudent: Whilst he was in Gaol his Mistress came to see him, a homely Creature, and much older than he; she said, or pretended she was with Child, and told him, *she would not long survive him, but die Inch by Inch, and soon follow him, and hoped then they should be happy again, as formerly:* By this one would think she imagin'd the same gross Pleasures to be in the other World as in this.

On Thursday last a Duel was fought in *Windsor-Forest*, by two Gentlemen of Distinction, one of whom was wounded in so desperate a Manner, that his Life is despair'd of; 'tis said the Occasion of the Quarrel was by Words arising at the late Horse-Races at *Arscot-Common* near *Windsor*.

Deaths. Last Week died the Rev. Mr. *Matthew Alexander*, Rector of *Eureby* in *Lincolnshire*.——On Tuesday last died, at his House in the *Old Bailey*, aged about 80, Mr. *Browning*, an eminent Attorney at Law, and one of the oldest Practitioners in the *King*'s-*Bench* and *Common-Pleas*.

Bankrupts. William Lowfeild, late of St. *Paul*'s *Church-Yard*, *London*, Hosier, but now of the Parish of St. *George the Martyr*, *Surrey*, Coffeeman and Chapman.——*James Simpson*, of the Parish of *Bolton in the Moors*, *Lancaster*, Dyer and Chapman.——*Benjamin Legood*, late of *Bodney*, *Norfork*, Warrener and Chapman.

THURSDAY, *August* 14.

They write from *York*, that on Thursday last towards the Close of the Evening, Mr. *Shelton* and Mr. *James* of this City, in Company with another Gentleman and Gentlewoman, were met within a Mile of *Shrouston*, on their Way to *Hemsley*, by two Highwaymen, who commanded them to stand; but they having no small Quantity of Gold about them, resolv'd to defend it, and an Engagement ensued, wherein Mr. *Shelton* and the Gentlewoman were unhappily shot, the former through his Right Arm, and the latter through her Leg, as she was alighting off of her Horse; but five or six Gentlemen coming up, who were going to *Hambleton* Horse-Course, the Highwaymen rode off as fast as they could, being closely pursued towards *Hemsley*, where they got off by swimming their Horses over a very deep River.

They write from *Wales*, that at the Assizes held at *Pool* for the County of *Montgomery*, *Hugh Jones*, his Wife and two of their Sons, were capitally convicted for the Murder of a *Scotch* Pedlar, near *Ludlow-Castle* in *Shropshire*, and robbing him of Handkerchiefs, Hollands, Cambricks, and other Goods; and also for the Murder of one *Ree* and *Burkley*, two other *Scotchmen*, in *December* last, and robbing them also of Goods to a considerable Value.

At the Assizes at *Monmouth* one Man was order'd to be transported.

Last Week the best Wheat sold at *Kingston* 10*s.* a Load cheaper than the Week before; and on Monday last a large Quantity was sold for 8*l.* 15*s.* a Load, which is 1*l.* 4*s.* less than it was sold for about a Month since.

The Silk which was reel'd by Mr. *Amatis*, and the *Italians* under his Direction, sent to *Georgia* by the Trustees for establishing that Colony, hath been organiz'd by Sir *Thomas Lombe*'s Engine at *Derby*, and they have had the following Account from Sir *Thomas*.

Extracts of Letters from the Superintendant of Sir Thomas Lombe's *Silk-Mills at* Derby, *dated the 21st and 28th of* June *last.*

21 *June.*

'The *Georgia* Silk winds exceedingly well: 'An indifferent Hand will keep a whole Row 'constantly going with Ease, and I don't in 'the least doubt but that a good Hand would 'keep up a double Row therewith. Neither 'do I in the least question its Goodness in the 'other Operations, tho' I have yet try'd it 'no farther than the Winding, and that it 'will be worked with exceeding little Waste, 'being the best working Silk I ever saw, even 'better than our best superfine Piedmont. I 'am certain it is full as clean, and has a great 'deal less slew Waste therein.'

28 *June.*

'The *Georgia* Silk proves exceeding good 'thro' all the Operations. I find the Waste 'made in the Winding, less than 1 dr. *per* 'Pound: In the spinning $\frac{3}{8}$: In the doubling 'and twisting it $\frac{1}{4}$ dr. *per* Pound.'

And Yesterday some of the Trustees for *Georgia* and Sir *Thomas Lombe*, waited upon her Majesty with the *Georgia* Silk, which is to be wove into a Piece for her Majesty's Wear, upon a beautiful Pattern which her Majesty chose; and she in a most gracious Manner expressed great Satisfaction at the *British* Colony's having produced so fine Silk.

Mr. *John Tuckwell*, of *Wallingford*, has given to the Trustees for establishing the Colony of *Georgia* in *America*, a Church Clock, Weights and Dial-Plate, for the first Church in *Savannah*.

By his *Portugueze* Majesty's Command, several hundred of Oxen are ordered to be bought in *Ireland*, and the same to be sent speedily to *Lisbon*; the Provisions there being scarce and very dear.

And by the King of *Portugal*'s Orders, several thousand of Firelocks are to be bought in *London*; and, we hear, that some Contracts are making for it with several Tradesmen.

Marriage. On Thursday last *Herbert Windsor*, Esq; Member of Parliament for *Cardiff*, and Son to the Right Hon. the Lord *Montjoy*, was married to Miss *Clavering*, one of the Sisters and Co-heirs of the late Sir *James Clavering*, of *Axwell* in the County of *Durham*, Bart. a Fortune of 60,000*l.*

Death. On Monday died, at his Lodgings in *Chancery-Lane*, the Rev. Mr. *Keith*, a Gentleman that suffer'd very much in *Scotland*, for adhering to the Episcopal Hierarchy. He was formerly possess'd of a Living to the Value of 900*l. per Annum*, but being obliged to repair to *England* in the first Year of Queen *Anne*, he was forc'd to officiate in several Parishes in *London* for a Maintenance: He died in the 87th Year of his Age.

FRIDAY, *August* 15.

Yesterday Morning about Five o'Clock, a Fire broke out in *Long-Acre*, which consum'd the Houses of Mr. *Pearce* a Silk-Dyer, Mr. *Grove* a Gold-beater, Mr. *Burgel* a Cutler and Mr. *Wilson* a Chandler in the said Street; the House of Mr. *Harding* a Cabinet-maker in *Drury-Lane*; the Houses of Mr. *Chidder* the Coach-maker, and Mr. *Bradbear* a Joyner in the same Lane; Mr. *Lockwood* the Distiller, Mr. *How* the Carver, and the *Bull-Head* Alehouse in *Long-Acre*; five Houses in *Middlesex-Court*, Mr. *Castan*'s a Wheeler in *Charles-street*, and several others were greatly damag'd.

The same Morning a Woman pick'd a Gentleman's Pocket as he was standing to observe the Ruins, and seizing her in the Fact, she was hurried into a Stable-Yard, where she underwent the Discipline of a Horse-Pond.

Yesterday Morning, at the same Time that the Fire happen'd in *Long-Acre*, some malicious People spread a Report about St. *James's*, that there was a Fire in *Westminster*, and in *Swallow-street*, *Piccadilly*, which caused a Terror among all the Inhabitants thereabout; and some Engines that were to be carried to *Long-Acre*, in order to extinguish the Fire there, were carried some to *Westminster*, and some to *Swallow-street*: Nay, some of the Court Officers were sent to those Places, in order to provide proper Assistance; but it proved to be only an Invention of some People; upon which a Warrant was granted by Justice *De Veil*, to apprehend such Persons.

'Tis said that one of the chief Persons is in Custody who help'd to make up the *honest Evidence* that swore *Macray* off at the *Old Bailey* the last Sessions; —— and that he sat at *Kingston* as Counterfeit Judge, (before the real Trial) to try the Evidence, and make them ready in one Story; they having had a regular Rehearsal for their idle Farce.

We hear that the said *Macray* is order'd to be executed next Week upon *Kennington-Common*: 'Tis said there is great Interest made to save him, but that her Majesty will not hear of it. He is said to be the Person who robb'd the Countess of *Stafford* near *Kensington* Palace.

Yesterday *Hutchinson*, who stood in the Pillory in *Fenchurch-street*, was most severely pelted by the Populace; he made a Speech when he went up, and pray'd the People to spare him; but it was to no Purpose, for they express'd the utmost Detestation of his Crime, and us'd him accordingly; for when his Hour was expir'd it was a disputable Point whether he was alive or dead. He was treated the more severe, on Account of his former Behaviour, when he stood opposite the *Royal-Exchange*, at which Place he escaped pretty well.

The new Buildings that are intended at *Greenwich-Hospital*, will be large enough to maintain 300 more disabled Seamen.

They write from *Dijon* in *France*, that no less than 17 Youths, of the best Families in that Town, have been found guilty of robbing upon the Highway, and executed accordingly, and that when the Execution was made, nothing was ever seen so solemn and melancholy, scarce any of the considerable Inhabitants but were some Way or other related to the Malefactors.

Yesterday the Governors of *Bridewell* and *Bedlam* Hospitals held an annual Meeting at the Court-Room of *Bridewell*, and were elegantly entertain'd by the Steward of the said Hospital. Alderman *Parsons* was present, being lately return'd from *France*.

Last Wednesday a Gentleman of the County of *Bucks* received 300*l.* from a rich *Jew*, who laid him that Sum against 50*l.* that the Elector of *Bavaria* would not suffer the *Russian* Troops to pass his Dominions without an Engagement.

Preferment. Thomas De Veil, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* and City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and of the Quorum, is appointed, by his Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, Lord Lieutenant of the County of *Middlesex*, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the Blue Regiment of Militia, and one of the Deputy-Lieutenants of the said County.

Deaths. Last Week died, at his Seat near *Leeds* in *Yorkshire*, *Arthur Stanhope*, Esq; Grandson of Colonel *Ferdinando Stanhope*, a Royalist, who was kill'd at the Battle of *Marston-Moor* in the Reign of King *Charles* I.——Yesterday died in *Brook-street*, Mrs. *Henrietta Colbey*, a Maiden Lady of 94 Years of Age. She was of an antient Family in *Dorsetshire*, and has left several large Legacies to all her Servants.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THEY write from *Modena*, that the Governor of *Mirandola* defended himself like a Lion: That the Garrison had lately made two Sallies with Success, having levell'd most of the Besieger's Works: That the Fire from the Place was hitherto much brisker than that of the Besiegers, who lost abundance of Men by Sickness, Desertion, and the Cannon of the Besieged.

The States-General have at last return'd an Answer to the famous Memorial, deliver'd to their High-Mightinesses some Time ago by Mr. *Walpole*, the Purport of which is, as we are inform'd, 'That the Negotiations for a 'Suspension of Arms being still depending, it 'is not as yet a proper Time to press the Affair of augmenting the Forces of the Republick.'

They write from *Paris*, that the late Defeat of the *Turks* has spread so general a Concern thro' *France*, that their Politicians are compell'd to the Necessity of devising fictitious Stories, in order to keep up the Spirits of the People; and hence probably the Report of a Faction in *Russia* against the Czarina, which is by no Means confirm'd from any other Quarter.

There is a Letter from *Mentz*, by the *Holland* Mail, which says, they were in great Expectation that the *French* Army would have broken up from *Oppenheim*, and marched towards *Spiers* or *Landau*; but they were still in their former Posts. They add, that the Marshal *de Coigny* had written to the King, that without a considerable Reinforement of Troops, he was not in a Condition to undertake any Enterprize of Moment; much less would he be able to face the Enemy, when joined by the *Russian* Troops: Whereupon fresh Orders have been sent to the eleven Regiments of Horse and Foot designed for that Army, to hasten their March as much as possible. 'Twas reported at *Mentz*, that as soon as Prince *Eugene* was joined by all the *Muscovites* he expected, he would block up *Philipsburgh*.

Extract of a Letter from an English *Gentleman in the* German *Army on the* Rhine.

We have for some Months past led a very idle Life, the Troops having done little else but forage a few Miles round the Camp; we are now told that something will be undertaken in a short Time that will employ us all. Prince *Eugene* has sent an Express to *Vienna* to acquaint the Emperor, that as the Elector of *Bavaria* seems to incline to his *Imperial* Majesty's Interest, and consequently will send his Contingent of Troops, and the *Russians* daily expected, he has therefore given Orders to the Army to hold themselves in a Readiness to march at an Hour's Warning. In the mean Time the two Armies continue their mutual Civilities, not giving each other the least Disturbance at present. The *French* Generals have given Directions that some Regiments which were at a Distance should keep closer to their main Body; so that tho' we are very complaisant, yet we keep a watchful Eye on each other; and one Word of Command would break thro' all Decorum.

Letters by the *French* Mail inform us, that Prince *Eugene* has order'd all the Troops that are near him to join the Army with the utmost Expedition; which seems to corroborate the Account of the above Letter; and that that General will suddenly attempt something, which may possibly change the Face of Affairs in *Germany*.

The Governor of *Mirandola* having been summoned to surrender, answered, that if his Garrison would stand by him, as he hoped, he would make a gallant Defence.

Letters from *Italy* advise, that the *Germans* are actually preparing to return into *Lombardy*; that their Army has already receiv'd very considerable Recruits; and that Count *Konigsegg* was expected every Day in the *Tyrol* from *Vienna*. Marshal *Noailles* has been to visit all the advanc'd Posts of the *Milanese* towards *Switzerland*, and those of the *Brescian* towards the *Tyrolese*, in order to raise Forts and other Works, to prevent any Attempts of the *Imperialists* to repass into *Lombardy*; and to that Purpose likewise a large Body of Troops hold themselves ready to file off at a Moment's Warning.

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